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12 July 1999 (12.07.99)

Applicant:

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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Applicant
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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 402559W0	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 00/ 06403	International filing date (day/month/year) 05/07/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 12/07/1999
Applicant KONINKLIJKE KPN N.V.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

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☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP 00/06403

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 H04J14/02 H04B10/213

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H04B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	WO 97 09803 A (NORTHERN TELECOM LTD) 13 March 1997 (1997-03-13) page 11, line 24 -page 12, line 18 abstract; figures 2,4,7	1,2,4,5 3,6-8, 13-15
X A	EP 0 859 484 A (HITACHI LTD) 19 August 1998 (1998-08-19) column 11, line 54 -column 12, line 6 abstract; figures 1,5 -/-	1 5,13



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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A	<p>ARECCO F ET AL: "A TRANSPARENT, ALL-OPTICAL, METROPOLITAN NETWORK EXPERIMENT IN A FIELD ENVIRONMENT: THE PROMETEO SELF-HEALING RING" JOURNAL OF LIGHTWAVE TECHNOLOGY, US, IEEE. NEW YORK, vol. 15, no. 12, 1 December 1997 (1997-12-01), pages 2206-2212, XP000727508 ISSN: 0733-8724 cited in the application abstract; figures 1,2,5 -----</p>	1,2,13

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
W0 9709803 A	13-03-1997	EP 0848873 A	24-06-1998
		JP 10511250 T	27-10-1998
		US 5933258 A	03-08-1999
EP 0859484 A	19-08-1998	JP 10233735 A	02-09-1998
		CN 1202057 A	16-12-1998

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

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Optical transmission network having a protection configuration.

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Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
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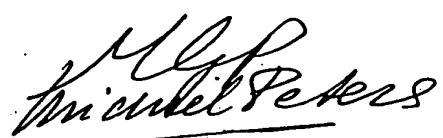
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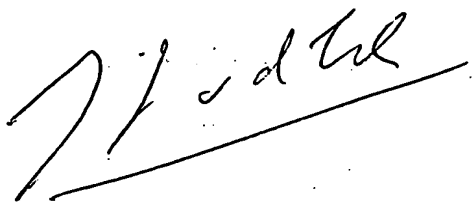
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 - (v) if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "patent of addition," or "certificate of addition," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "continuation" or "continuation-in-part": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;
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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference 402559WO
International application No. PCT/EP00/06403	International filing date (day/month/year) 05.07.2000 (5 July 2000)	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 12.07.1999 (12 July 1999)
Title of invention Optical transmission network having a protection configuration.		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) KONINKLIJKE KPN N.V. Stationsplein 7 9726 AE GRONINGEN The Netherlands		Telephone No.: +31 70 332 30 91
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State (that is, country) of nationality: NL		State (that is, country) of residence: NL
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State (that is, country) of nationality: NL		State (that is, country) of residence: NL
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCEThe following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representativeand ☒ has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.☐ is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*KLEIN Bart
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☐ Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.**Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION****Statement concerning amendments: ***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filedthe description ☒ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 34the claims ☒ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)☐ as amended under Article 34the drawings ☒ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 342. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.☐ which is the language of publication of the international application.☐ which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.**Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES**The applicant hereby elects all eligible States *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | sheets |
| 6. other (<i>specify</i>) | : | sheets |

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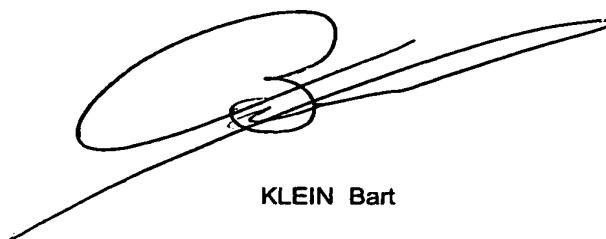
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Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).



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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:
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3. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply. ☐ The applicant has been informed accordingly.
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Annex to the Demand for international preliminary examination

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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PCT/EP 00/06403

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Priority date (day/month/year)

12/07/1999

Applicant

KONINKLIJKE KPN N.V.

Title of the invention

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international application has been accorded the international application number and the international filing date indicated above.
2. The applicant is further notified that the record copy of the international application was transmitted to the International Bureau on the above date of mailing.
3. ☐ Other:

* The International Bureau monitors the transmittal of the record copy by the receiving Office and will notify the applicant (with Form PCT/IB/301) of its receipt. Should the record copy not have been received by the expiration of 14 months from the priority date, the International Bureau will notify the applicant (Rule 22.1(c)).

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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT
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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application:

10/11/2000

2. This date of receipt is:

- ☒ the actual date of receipt of the demand by this Authority (Rule 61.1(b)).
☐ the actual date of receipt of the demand on behalf of this Authority (Rule 59.3(e)).
☐ the date on which this Authority has, in response to the invitation to correct defects in the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/404), received the required corrections.

3. ☐ **ATTENTION:** That date of receipt is **AFTER** the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Consequently, the election(s) made in the demand does (do) not have the effect of postponing the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)). Therefore, the acts for entry into the national phase must be performed within 20 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 22). For details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II.

- ☐ (If applicable) This notification confirms the information given by telephone, facsimile transmission or in person on:

4. Only where paragraph 3 applies, a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau.

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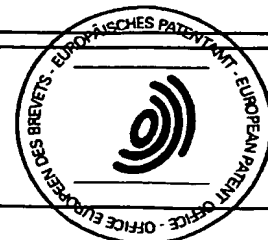


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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.
Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Fascimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
- ☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.


☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

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The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/EP00/06403

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-15 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

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Drawings, sheets:

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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-16
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-16
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-16
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The invention (claim 1) relates to a method for transmitting optical signals having several priorities via a transmission network with protection.

The closest prior art available is WO 97 09803 which discloses a discontinuous ring by separate bidirectional optical communication links (point-to-point links) and ratios of working and protection channels. When a link failure on the working channel occurs, protection-switched traffic is routed around the ring via the protection channel. Optical switches adjacent the link failure and nodes not adjacent the link failure are controlled differently. In certain cases (so called channel failures), the switching occurs in the electrical domain.

The invention primarily differs from the system of WO 97 09803 in that a) the transmission network is an optical network and b) the high-priority signal is switched on the protection channel by optical switching means upon detection of a signal characteristic of the high-priority signal.

The advantage over the prior art is the fact that the inventive concept provides for a fast switching method thus resulting in a more effective use of optical networks in general, and, as far as independent claim 13 is concerned (see below), annular optical WDM networks in particular.

No indication of such a concept is given in any other available prior art document. Therefore the subject-matter of claim 1 is new and involves an inventive step (Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT).

The invention further relates to an annular optical transmission network with protection for the transmission of optical WDM signals (independent claim 13).

The primary differences and same advantages apply to the system as already

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mentioned above.

Therefore the subject-matter of independent claim 13 is new and involves an inventive step (Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT).

The remaining claims 2-12 as well as 14-16 are dependent on claims 1 and 13 respectively and therefore meet the requirements concerning novelty and inventive step (Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT).

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

The wording of claim 14 ("the and the", see pg. 21, line 11) as well as the sentence on page 2, lines 28-34 of the description are grammatically incorrect.

F. CLAIMS

1. Optical transmission network with protection for the transmission of optical signals having several priorities, comprising:

- an operational connection through the network for transmitting an optical signal having a high priority, and
- a protection connection corresponding to the operational connection for transmitting the optical signal having a high priority in the event of an error condition of the operational connection, which protection connection is, at least in part, arranged for transmitting an optical signal having a low priority, which gives way to the transmission of the optical signal having a high priority in the event of said error condition,

characterised in that

said part of the protection connection is provided with

- + optical detection means for detecting the optical signal having a high priority on the protection connection, and
- + optical switching means for switching on and off the transmission of the optical signal having a low priority over said part of the protection connection under control of the optical detection means.

2. Optical transmission network according to claim 1, characterised in that the protection connection includes at least one optical-connection section over which the transmission of optical signals having a low priority takes place at a first wavelength spectrum, the transmission of the optical signals having a high priority takes place at a second wavelength spectrum, which differs from the first wavelength spectrum, and the optical detection means are wavelength-selective for a difference spectrum in which the second wavelength spectrum differs from the first one.

3. Optical transmission network according to claim 1, characterised in that the protection connection includes at least

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one optical-connection section, which is bidirectional and over which the transmission of the optical signals having a low priority takes place in a direction opposite to the one of the transmission of the optical signals having a high priority in the event of an error condition of the operational connection, and the optical detection means are direction-selective.

4. Optical transmission network according to claim 1, characterised in that the protection connection includes at least one optical-connection section over which the transmission of optical signals having a low priority takes place, the optical signals having a high priority include a signal which is specific for signals having a high priority, and the optical detection means are selective for said specific signal.

5. Optical transmission network according to claim 2, 3 or 4, characterised in that the switching means include a switch which, in a first switching mode, adds and drops, respectively, the low-priority signal to or from the protection connection and, in a second switching mode, passes the high-priority signal on over the protection connection.

6. Optical transmission network according to claim 5, characterised in that the detection means include an optical-power splitter for tapping a part of the optical power present on a port of the switch to which an incoming end of the protection connection is coupled.

7. Optical transmission network according to claim 5, characterised in that the detection means include an optical-power splitter for tapping a portion of the optical power present on a port of the switch which, in the first switching mode of the switch, is connected through to a further port of the switch to which an incoming end of the protection connection is coupled.

8. Optical transmission network according to claim 5, characterised in that the detection means are directly coupled

to a port of the switch which, in the first switching mode of the switch, is connected through to a further port of the switch to which an incoming end of the protection connection is coupled.

5 9. Optical transmission network according to any of the claims 1, -, 8, characterised in that:

- the high- and/or low-priority signals are WDM signals.

10 10. Optical transmission network according to any of the claims 2, 3 and 4, characterised in that:

- the high- and low-priority signals are WDM signals, with the WDM signal of the low-priority signal comprising a number of WDM channels which is a subset of the number of WDM channels in the WDM signal of the high-priority signal,
15 - on either side of each optical-connection section in the protection connection, an OADM is included of which the switching means and detection means are part,

with, per OADM,

20 + the detection means being coupled to at least one of the WDM channels of the high-priority signal, and

+ the switching means per WDM channel of the low-priority signal including a switch which, under the control of the detection means, has two switching modes - a first switching mode for adding and dropping signals having a low
25 priority and a second switching mode for passing on signals having a high priority.

30 11. Optical transmission network according to claim 10, characterised in that the high-priority signal includes a WDM channel having a wavelength which is specific to the high-priority signal, and that the detection means are coupled to the WDM channel having said specific wavelength.

35 12. Optical transmission network according to claim 10, characterised in that the detection means per WDM channel include an optical-signal detector for controlling the switch associated with the WDM channel in question.

13. Annular optical transmission network with protection, for the transmission of optical WDM signals, comprising:

- a number of nodes included in, and mutually connected by, two optical connections forming two rings, hereinafter separately referred to as first and second rings, and together referred to as double ring, for signal transmission in two opposite transmission directions between the nodes,
- with each node being provided with a first and a second OADM, included in the first and in the second ring, respectively, and with protection-switching means for switching over from signal transmission over an operational connection by way of the double ring in a first and in a second transmission direction to signal transmission over a protection connection by way of the double ring, in the second and in the first transmission direction, respectively, and
- with a protection connection corresponding to an operational connection over a section of the double ring between a pair of adjacent nodes for the transmission of a WDM signal, by way of a portion of the double ring which is complementary to said section, in the event of an error condition of the operational connection over the section of the double ring,

characterised in that

- the complementary portion of the double ring comprises a further section between a further pair of adjacent nodes in the double ring, which further section is arranged for transmitting an optical signal having a low priority, which gives way to the transmission of an optical signal having a high priority, with the signal having a high priority including said WDM signal in the event of said error condition.

14. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 13, characterised in that

each of the nodes on either side of the further section of the double ring is provided with

- + optical detection means for detecting an optical signal having a high priority on the protection connection, and
- 5 + optical switching means for switching on and off the transmission of an optical signal having a low priority over the further section of the double ring under control of the optical detection means.

10 15. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 14, characterised in that

- the signals having a high and a low priority are WDM signals, with the WDM signal of the signal having a low priority comprising several WDM channels which are a subset
15 of the number of WDM channels in the WDM signal of the signal having a high priority;
- OADMs, included with one another in one and the same ring on either side of the further section in the protection connection, the switching means and the detection means being part of the OADM, with, per OADM
- 20 + the detection means being coupled to at least one of the WDM channels of the signal having a high priority, and
- + the switching means per WDM channel of the signal having a low priority including a switch which, under the control of
25 the detection means, has two switching modes - a first switching mode for adding and dropping signals with a low priority, and a second switching mode for passing on signals having a high priority.

30 16. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 15, characterised in that

- the high-priority signal includes a WDM channel having a wavelength which is specific to the high-priority signal, and the detection means are coupled to the WDM channel
35 having said specific wavelength for driving the switch of each WDM channel of the signal having a low priority.

17. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 15, characterised in that

- a signal having a high priority over the protection connection by way of the first ring includes a WDM channel having a first wavelength which is specific to the signal having a high priority in the first transmission direction, and the signal having a high priority over the protection connection by way of the second ring includes a WDM signal having a second wavelength which is specific to the signal having a high priority in the second transmission direction, and the detection means include a first and a second optical-signal detector, which first signal detector is coupled to the WDM channel having the first specific wavelength for driving the switch of each WDM channel of the signal having a low priority over the protection connection by way of the first ring, and which second signal detector is coupled to the WDM channel having the second specific wavelength for driving the switch of each WDM channel of the signal having a low priority over the protection connection by way of the second ring.

18. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 17, characterised in that

- a WDM signal over an operational connection by way of the first ring between each pair of adjacent nodes includes a WDM channel having the second specific wavelength, and a WDM channel over an operational connection by way of the second ring between each pair of adjacent nodes includes a WDM channel having the first specific wavelength.

19. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 15, characterised in that

- the detection means per WDM channel include an optical-signal detector for controlling the switch associated with the WDM channel in question.

Set of Amended CLAIMS

1. Method for transmitting optical signals having several priorities via a transmission network with protection,

5 comprising steps of:

- transmitting an optical signal carrying traffic with a high priority, hereinafter called high priority signal (tr_H), via an operational connection (WF; R1, R2) through the network,

10 - transmitting an optical signal carrying traffic with a low priority, hereinafter called low priority signal (tr_L), via at least a part (PF1) of a protection connection (PF; R2, R1),

- protection switching for switching the traffic with high priority from being carried by an optical signal transmitted via the operational connection to being carried by an optical signal transmitted via the protection connection in the event of an error condition, and

20 - giving way the transmission of the low priority signal via at least said part of the protection connection in the event of said error condition under control of a detection of an optical signal signalling that a protection switching has occurred,

25 characterised in that

the transmission network is an optical network, in which the step of protection switching is carried out in such a way that the high priority signal (tr_H) is switched by optical switching means (PS1; 73, 74) from the operational connection (WF; R1, R2) to the protection connection (PF; R2, R1), and

30 the step of giving way is carried out upon detection of a signal characteristic of the high priority signal (tr_H) on the protection connection (PF; R2, R1).

2. Transmission method according to claim 1, characterised in that the transmission of the low priority signal is carried out at a first wavelength spectrum ($\lambda_1, -$
5 λ_n), the transmission of the high priority optical signals is carried out at a second wavelength spectrum ($\lambda_1, - \lambda_n, \lambda_s$), which differs from the first wavelength spectrum, and the optical detection is carried out on the optical characteristic which corresponds to a difference
10 spectrum (λ_s), in which the second wavelength spectrum differs from the first one.

3. Transmission method according to claim 1, characterised in that the transmission of the low priority
15 signal being carried out in a direction opposite to the one of the transmission of the high priority signal in the event of an error condition of the operational connection, and the optical detection is carried out in a direction-selective manner.

4. Transmission method according to claim 1, characterised in that the high priority signal includes a
20 signal which is specific for the high priority signal, and the optical detection is carried out in a manner selective for said specific signal.

5. Transmission method according to claim 2, 3 or 4, characterised in that the switching is carried out by
30 switching means ($S_1; S_2; S_3; S_4$) between a first switching mode, in which the low-priority signal is added or dropped, respectively to and from the protection connection, and a second switching mode, in which the high-priority signal passes on over the protection connection.

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6. Transmission method according to claim 5,
characterised in that the optical detection includes
optical-power splitting by optical-power splitting means
5 (C1) for tapping a part of the optical power present on a
port (p1) of the switching means (S1) to which an incoming
end of the protection connection (PF) is coupled.

7. Transmission method according to claim 5,
10 characterised in that the optical detection includes
optical-power splitting by optical-power splitting means
(C3) for tapping a portion of the optical power present on
a port (p4) of the switching means (S3) which, in the
first switching mode, are connected through to a further
15 port (p1) of the switching means to which an incoming end
of the protection connection (PF) is coupled.

8. Transmission method according to claim 5,
characterised in that the optical detection is carried out
20 directly on a port (p4) of the switching means (S4),
which, in the first switching mode, is connected through
to a further port (p1) of the switching means to which an
incoming end of the protection connection (PF) is coupled.

25 9. Transmission method according to any of the
claims 1,-,8, characterised in that:
the high- and/or low-priority signals are optical WDM
signals ($\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n, \lambda_s$; {W1}, {W2}, {P1}, {P2}).

30 10. Transmission method according to claim 1, 2 or 3,
characterised in that:
the high- and low-priority signals are WDM signals, with
the WDM signal of the low-priority signal comprising a
number of WDM channels ($\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n$) which is at least a subset

of the number of WDM channels ($\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n$; $\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n, \lambda_s$) in the WDM signal of the high-priority signal, on either side of said part (PF1) of the protection connection, an OADM (40; 50) is included of which the switching means ($SP_1, -, SP_n$; $SQ_1, -, SQ_n$) and detection means (MM1, -, MMn; MM) are part, and in that, per OADM, the optical detection is carried out on at least one ($\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n$; λ_s) of the WDM channels of the high-priority signal, and the switching is carried out per WDM channel of the low-priority signal through switching means ($SP_1, -, SP_n$; $SQ_1, -, SQ_n$) under control of the optical detection (MM1, -, MMn; MM), the switching means having a first switching mode for adding and dropping a low priority signal and a second switching mode for passing on a high priority signal.

11. Transmission method according to claim 10, characterised in that the high-priority signal includes a WDM channel having a wavelength (λ_s) which is specific to the high-priority signal, and that the optical detection is carried out by detection means (MM) coupled to the WDM channel having said specific wavelength.

12. Transmission method according to claim 10, characterised in that the optical detection is carried out per WDM channel ($\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n$) by means of an optical signal detector (MM1, -, MMn) for controlling the switching means ($SP_1, -, SP_n$) associated with the WDM channel in question.

13. Annular optical transmission network with protection, for the transmission of optical WDM signals, comprising: a number of nodes (RN_1, \dots, RN_4) included in, and mutually connected by, two optical connections forming two optical rings, hereinafter separately also referred to as first

ring (R1) and second ring (R2), for optical signal transmission of WDM signals in two mutually opposite transmission directions between the nodes,

each node (70) comprising a first OADM (71) included in the first ring (R1) and a second OADM (72) included in the second ring (R2), and optical protection-switching means (73, 74) included between the two rings on either side of the first and second OADM's for optical protection-switching of WDM-signals between the two optical rings,

characterised in that

- each (R1;R2) of the two rings includes:

+ a first set of WDM channels $(\{\lambda_w\}; \{W1\}; \{W2\})$, called operational channels, for forming operational connections over a concerned one (R1; R2) of the two rings for the transmission of optical signals of high priority, and

+ a second set of WDM channels $(\{\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n\}; \{\lambda_1, -, \lambda_n, \lambda_s\}; \{P2\}; \{P1\})$, called protection channels, for the transmission of optical signals of low priority $(tr_L; tr_L(1))$ in normal operation, and for forming protection connections over said concerned one (R1; R2) of the two rings for high priority signals $(tr_H; tr_H(\lambda_s2))$ upon occurrence of protection-switching in the event of an error condition of an operational connection over the other one (R2; R1) of the two rings, and

- each OADM (40; 50; 90) includes:

+ optical switching means $(\{SP1, -, SPn\}; \{SQ1, -, SQn\}; SQ)$ for switching on and off low priority signals $(tr_L; tr_L(1))$ over any of the protection channels of a ring concerned (R1;R2), and

+ optical detection means $(\{MM1, -, MMn\}; MM)$ for detecting a high priority signal on at least one

protection channel $((\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n); \lambda_s; \lambda_{s2})$ of the set of protection channels.

14. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 13, characterised in that the first set $(\{W_1\}; \{W_2\})$ of WDM channels of each $(R_1; R_2)$ of the two rings includes a recognition channel $(\lambda_s; \lambda_{s1}, \lambda_{s2})$, which corresponds to a recognition channel having the same specific wavelength $(\lambda_s; \lambda_{s1}, \lambda_{s2})$ included in the second set $(\{P_1\}; \{P_2\})$ of WDM channels of the other one $(R_2; R_1)$ of the two rings, the and the optical detection means (MM) of each OADM have been coupled to the recognition channel $(\lambda_s; \lambda_{s1}, \lambda_{s2})$ of the second set of WDM channels for driving the switching means $(SQ_1, \dots, SQ_n; SQ)$ of the WDM channels of the second set, the recognition channel of the first set of operations channels of one $(R_1; R_2)$ of the two rings having a specific wavelength $(\lambda_s; \lambda_{s1}, \lambda_{s2})$ for recognising the high priority signal on the corresponding recognition channel of the second set of WDM channels of the other one $(R_2; R_1)$ of the two rings.

15. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 14, characterised in that each OADM includes an add/drop means (98) for adding and dropping the recognition channel (λ_{s1}) of the first set $(\{W_1\})$ of WDM channels.

16. Annular optical transmission network according to claim 15, characterised in that the detection means include an optical-signal detector (MM_1, \dots, MM_n) per WDM channel $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ for controlling the switch (SP_1, \dots, SP_n) associated with the WDM channel in question.